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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

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*To his Excellency, James M. Smith, Governor of Georgia :*

SIR: The Trustees of the Georgia Academy for the Blind have the honor to submit to your Excellency, and through you to the General Assembly of the State, the Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Institution, for the purpose of showing the condition of the trust confided to them, at the close of the present calendar year.

The respective Reports of the Treasurer and the Principal, hereunto appended, are referred to, as furnishing the details of the working of the Institution, and as giving all the necessary information about its affairs.

## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

shows the financial condition, as follows :

Receipts from balance from last year . . . . .	\$ 1,505 37
Receipts from State appropriation for maintenance . . . . .	13,000 00
Receipts from State appropriation for improvements, etc. . . . .	4,000 00
Receipts for board and clothing of pupils . . . . .	311 00
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	\$18,816 37
Disbursements on orders of the Board . . . . .	16,750 00
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Balance on hand . . . . .	\$ 2,066 37

This balance will be required to maintain the Institution until the next appropriation shall have been made.

## THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

indicates the several purposes for which disbursements have been made ; that there has been expended for the general maintenance, including officers' salaries, support of pupils, fuel, etc.,

\$12,081 90, and for building workshop, and various repairs, \$4,654 38.

The Principal represents the property in good condition. The work of improvements and repairs has been done under the direction of a judicious committee, appointed by the Board, and the money expended has been economically used.

The Trustees refer to a matter of some importance not named in the report of the Principal. It is a fact known to the citizens of Macon, that on the hill anywhere accessible to the neighborhood of the Academy, there is not a cistern of water to which resort could be made in case of fire.

Our main building may be classed among the ordinarily fire-proof buildings—that is, it is built of brick and stone, and has a metal roof, and is heated by means of chimneys, with grates for burning coal. There are, however, other buildings on the lot not so well protected, and on the occurrence of a fire, either on the lot or adjacent premises, the whole property would be exposed. Twice since the building has been erected fires have occurred on adjoining places; in one case, a barn and stable on our lot was consumed, and in the other a fine residence near by was destroyed.

In both these cases the destruction might have been prevented by the fire department, but for the lack of a cistern of water in the neighborhood.

The city authorities, hitherto, seem to have thought themselves unable to build a cistern on the hill, at least have not thought proper to do so; therefore, as our property is under much risk from fire, it is proposed to build a private cistern, to be filled from the roof of our building.

On this account, in addition to other considerations named by the Principal, the Trustees ask the slight increase of the last annual appropriation for the maintenance of the Academy suggested in his estimate of the expenses of the next year.

The Trustees respectfully call the attention of your Excellency to that portion of the Principal's report relating to the "American Printing House for the Blind," located in the State of Kentucky. It is proposed to ask an appropriation from Congress to carry on this enterprise. We suggest the propriety of

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the Legislature taking such action as may be considered advisable in reference to this matter, one of great importance to the blind, who are the only class of defectives who have not received assistance from Congress.

The Trustees announce, with profound regret, the decease of their venerable associate, Hon. WASHINGTON POE, for many years a member of this Board. He performed his duties as Trustee with conscientious punctuality and faithfulness. He was, in every respect, a model Christian gentleman.

The vacancy in the Board, occasioned by Mr. Poe's death, was filled by the election of Hon. T. G. Holt.

All of which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Board.

JAMES MERCER GREEN, *President*.

GEORGIA ACADEMY FOR THE BLIND,  
Macon, Dec. 27th, 1876.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE GEORGIA ACADEMY FOR THE BLIND,

*In Account with HENRY L. JEWETT, Treasurer.*

1875.

*Dr.*

Dec. 13. To paid draft J. Mercer Green, President . . . \$ 1,300 00

1876.

Ma'ch 15. To paid draft J. Mercer Green, President . . 1,000 00

" " " " " 2,000 00

April 11. " " W. Poe, President *pro tem.* . . 550 00

May 11. " " J. Mercer Green, President . . 700 00

" " " " " 1,000 00

June 14. " " " " " 2,000 00

" " " " " 1,000 00

Sept. 14. " " " " " 2,000 00

" " " " " 2,000 00

Oct. 13. " " " " " 1,000 00

Nov. 21. " " P. Solomon, President *pro tem.* 1,000 00

Dec. 27. " " J. Mercer Green, President . . 1,200 00

To Balance carried to new account . . . . 2,066 37—\$18,816 37

1875.

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Nov. 30. By balance from former report . . . . . \$ 1,505 37

1876.

Ma'ch 2. By first quarter State appropriation for maintenance, \$3,250 00, for improvements and repairs, \$1,000 00 . . . . . 4,250 00

Ma'ch 15. By board and tuition P. P. Blalock . . . . 100 00

By expense L. P. Bruce . . . . . 30 00

May 3. By second quarter State appropriation for maintenance, \$3,250 00, for improvements, etc., \$1,000 00 . . . . . 4,250 00

July 12. By third quarter State appropriation for maintenance, \$3,250 00, improvements, etc., \$1,000 00 . . . . . 4,250 00

By fourth quarter State appropriation for improvements and repairs . . . . . 1,000 00

Nov. 16. By fourth quarter State appropriation for maintenance . . . . . 3,250 00

Dec. 27. By board and clothing P. P. Blalock . . . . 50 00

By board and clothing James A. Toombs . . 131 00—\$18,816 37

1876.

Dec. 27. By balance brought to new account . . . . \$ 2,066 37

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY L. JEWETT, *Treasurer.*

*Macon, Ga., 27th December, 1876.*

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL.

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GENTLEMEN—I herewith submit my report, as Principal, of the affairs of the “Georgia Academy for the Blind,” for the calendar year 1876.

The number of pupils with which we began the year was forty-nine; since which time we have received eight new pupils, making the number on our roll fifty-seven. Of this number six have left the Institution, or been discharged, and two have been retained as assistant teachers.

### EXPENSES.

The following is a classified summary, embracing the entire expenditures of the year:

#### *First—Maintenance—*

##### RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1875 . . . . .	\$ 18 34
Orders of the Board . . . . .	12,750 00—\$12,768 34

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

For 1. Salaries . . . . .	\$3,393 00
For 2. Postage on stationery . . . . .	43 56
For 3. Carriage hire and travel . . . . .	184 20
For 4. School expenses . . . . .	176 51
For 5. Music expenses . . . . .	155 31
For 6. Pupils' clothes (a portion refunded) . . . . .	713 38
For 7. House furnishing . . . . .	605 03
For 8. Servant hire, including washing . . . . .	615 25
For 9. Fuel and lights . . . . .	984 45
For 10. Provisions . . . . .	4,111 87
For 11. Special—insurance, medicine, medical attendance, etc. . . . .	735 46
For 12. Housekeeper's pay . . . . .	270 00
For 13. Repairs, common . . . . .	94 88—\$12,082 90
Balance . . . . .	\$ 685 44
For 14. Amount from improvements and repairs . . . . .	654 38
Cash on hand . . . . .	\$ 31 06

#### *Second—Improvements and Repairs—*

1. Expenditures . . . . .	\$ 4,654 38
2. Orders of the Board . . . . .	4,000 00
Deficit (charged in the items for repairs, in account for maintenance above) . . . . .	\$ 654 38

The work of the school in the three departments—literary, musical and industrial—has been prosecuted with the usual vigor and success by both teachers and pupils. The health of the household, with such exceptions as might be looked for in an establishment of infirm persons, has been good.

#### IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS.

The sum appropriated for these purposes by the Legislature, at the last session, aided by some expenditures from the fund for maintenance, has enable us to do :

First, to put the main building in thorough good condition from basement to roof; including all necessary repairs and repainting, besides such improvements as the flooring of the basement rooms, the wainscoting the school rooms, building bath-closets in the wash rooms, and making many additions to school furniture. I think the building is now in better condition than when it was turned over new for occupancy.

Secondly, we have built on the lot an elegant, well-arranged, work shop, large enough for all the purposes for which the academy will probably ever have need. It is of brick and stone, thirty-two feet by forty-eight, and two stories high. In consequence of the foregoing improvements we have secured the use, for classes and other school purposes, of four elegant rooms in the main building.

#### “AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND.”

It is well known that the apparatus used in the education of the blind is not only very limited, but it is also very costly; in consequence of which very few Institutions can be thoroughly furnished, or maintain in use an adequate supply for their wants. What has been done hitherto towards the manufacturing of school requisites for the blind has been done principally by the enterprise of a few Institutions, and one or two benevolent associations or individuals, all without much concert of action, and sometimes not without personal disagreement as to what was the most eligible thing to be made or the best type to be used in the embossed books. The difficulties of the case have been two: first, a lack of means for the work; and secondly, a lack of concert on the part of the friends of the blind in the different

States. This subject has long attracted the attention of superintendents and other persons engaged in the work. As a measure to give relief to this embarrassment and insure greater harmony in the business, an Institution, intended to be national in character and concordant as to the interest, was organized about the year 1858, and chartered by a special act of the Legislature of Kentucky. It is styled "The American Printing House for the Blind," is located in the city of Louisville, and its Board of Trustees consists of a number of the most distinguished citizens of Kentucky.

The legislatures of Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, New Jersey and Delaware, have severally made appropriations in aid of its purposes and efforts to print books and manufacture facilities for the instruction of the blind. In this way the establishment was set up, supplied with some machinery, and enabled to do some work very successfully and satisfactorily to the profession.

The purposes of this Institution received the cordial endorsement of a convention of the instructors of the blind held, at Indianapolis, August, 1871, and have since been thoroughly approved by the "American Association of Instructors of the Blind," at its several meetings.

Notwithstanding this printing house has done and is doing much good, its enterprise is obstructed by the want of an adequate working capital. This matter was thoroughly considered and discussed at the meeting of the "American Association of Instructors of the Blind," held last August, in Philadelphia; and a resolution was unanimously adopted to petition Congress for a grant to endow the Institution, a committee consisting of B. B. Huntoon, of Kentucky, Wm. Chapin, of Pennsylvania, W. B. Wait, of New York City, F. D. Morrison, of Maryland, and W. D. Williams, of Georgia, was appointed to prepare a bill and draw up a memorial on the subject to be presented to Congress. This has been done, and the measure, I trust, will receive the united and earnest support of the Senators and Representatives from this State. The blind is the only class of defectives that has not hitherto received aid in some form from the General Government, and the endowment of this printing house would

benefit an afflicted population numbering more than thirty thousand, in the way in which they could be best reached ; both multiplying and cheapening, and in many respects furnishing to them a literature in their lonely, sedentary and isolated condition ; and at the same time it will greatly reduce the expenses of the schools, and add facilities to their work.

#### ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1877.

I am of the opinion that the Board should ask an appropriation of \$13,500 00 for the current wants of the next year. The number of pupils is slowly increasing, but may not be very much larger than at present. The property is now in good condition, and the facilities are ample for present wants. It seems to me, however, that it would be both wise and economical to have some reserve for contingencies, and to maintain the present *status* of the property by every timely expenditure that may be required. Should an accident occur rendering a repairment necessary, the work should be done at once, before the injury grows into a serious damage and waste. Once, in the history of this Institution, from a defective roof, that might have been made good in a short time, at a cost of a few hundred dollars, a damage ensued while we were waiting for a "special appropriation," that cost us in the end more than quadruple the amount for repairs. Had your Board always a full treasury, I do not conceive that that fact ought or would authorize or justify the expenditure of one dollar improperly or unnecessarily in the ordinary course of things ; but with the means always on hand, you might stop a leak or arrest a damage at any time without the fear of over-reaching the funds necessary for the regular maintenance.

I close with this remark : At the close of another year, without arrogating to myself anything, I feel profound gratitude and satisfaction over the healthy tone now prevailing in the Academy for the Blind—so free from discords and jarring elements—so full of harmony and good will.

W. D. WILLIAMS, *Principal.*

GEORGIA ACADEMY FOR THE BLIND,  
Macon, Dec. 23d, 1876.

# LIST OF PUPILS, 1876.

## MALES.

ASTIN, CHARLES . . . . .	<i>Campbell county.</i>
AYERS, HYRAM . . . . .	<i>Haralson county.</i>
BARNES, JOSEPHUS . . . . .	<i>Bibb county.</i>
BASSETT, WALTER L. . . . .	<i>Houston county.</i>
BLALOCK, P. P. . . . .	<i>South Carolina.</i>
BRUCE, JOHN P. . . . .	<i>Decatur county.</i>
BRYAN, WILLIAM . . . . .	<i>Wayne county.</i>
BURKS, JOHN J. . . . .	<i>Henry county.</i>
COLEY, JESSE A. . . . .	<i>Stewart county.</i>
COLEY, S. A. W. . . . .	<i>Stewart county.</i>
DAVIS, GEORGE A. . . . .	<i>Mitchell county.</i>
GRACE, WALTER M. . . . .	<i>Taylor county.</i>
GREENE, WILLIAM J. . . . .	<i>Macon county.</i>
HODNETT, HOPE . . . . .	<i>Meriwether county.</i>
JONES, GEORGE H. . . . .	<i>Richmond county.</i>
JONES, JOSEPH . . . . .	<i>Hall county.</i>
KNOX, LAMAR . . . . .	<i>Chattooga county.</i>
MATHIS, LUCIUS . . . . .	<i>Calhoun county.</i>
PEACOCK, LEWIS O. . . . .	<i>Wilkinson county.</i>
PEACOCK, WILLIAM L. . . . .	<i>Wilkinson county.</i>
RAGAN, CHARLES C. . . . .	<i>Terrell county.</i>
RAGAN, TERRELL . . . . .	<i>Terrell county.</i>
RUSSELL, JOSHUA . . . . .	<i>Jefferson county.</i>
SANDERS, WILLIAM . . . . .	<i>Quitman county.</i>
SINGLETON, JAMES . . . . .	<i>Harris county.</i>
TINSLEY, STEPHEN . . . . .	<i>Bartow county.</i>
TOOMBS, J. A. . . . .	<i>Wilkes county.</i>
WINKLES, ANDREW J. . . . .	<i>Heard county.</i>
WOFFORD, JACOB . . . . .	<i>DeKalb county.</i>

## FEMALES.

BARFIELD, ASENATH . . . . .	<i>Macon county.</i>
BEAMAN, PAULINE . . . . .	<i>Bartow county.</i>
BUTLER, LOLAH . . . . .	<i>Gordon county.</i>
COLLINS, MINNA . . . . .	<i>Alabama.</i>
COLEY, NANNIE . . . . .	<i>Stewart county.</i>
COUCH, MATTIE . . . . .	<i>Jackson county.</i>
DANIELS, BETTIE . . . . .	<i>Jones county.</i>
DYSON, HATTIE . . . . .	<i>Wilkes county.</i>
EDWARDS, ELLA . . . . .	<i>Fulton county.</i>
ESTES, SERENA E. . . . .	<i>Paulding county.</i>

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KING, ALICE . . . . .	<i>Fulton county.</i>
MAPP, LIZZIE . . . . .	<i>Fulton county.</i>
MATHIS, JENNIE . . . . .	<i>Sumter county.</i>
MCGUIRE, KITTY . . . . .	<i>Fulton county.</i>
MCINVALE, FANNIE . . . . .	<i>Crawford county.</i>
PERRY, M. A. . . . .	<i>Macon county.</i>
PHILLIPS, E. A. . . . .	<i>Gordon county.</i>
PRICE, ALICE . . . . .	<i>Stewart county.</i>
REED, CARRIE . . . . .	<i>Bartow county.</i>
REED, SUSAN E. . . . .	<i>Bartow county.</i>
ROQUEMORE, IDA . . . . .	<i>Bibb county.</i>
RUSSELL, LANA . . . . .	<i>Jefferson county.</i>
RUSSELL, MOSELLE . . . . .	<i>Jefferson county.</i>
STEVENS, MAMIE E. . . . .	<i>Brooks county.</i>
TAYLOR, MARY A. . . . .	<i>Harris county.</i>
WEST, MARY . . . . .	<i>Campbell county.</i>
WILLIAMS, LULA . . . . .	<i>Screven county.</i>
WILSON, VIRGINIA . . . . .	<i>Gordon county.</i>

## CARD OF THANKS.

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The thanks of the officers and pupils of the "Georgia Academy for the Blind" are due and are hereby tendered to the officers of the following Railroads of the State for free passes, on necessary occasions, over their respective lines, a most important privilege and aid toward the benevolent work of the Institution, viz: Macon and Western, Central, Georgia, Macon and Brunswick, Western and Atlantic, Air-Line.

Also the thanks are due and hereby tendered to the proprietors and editors of the following Newspapers, for sending their issues gratuitously to the Institution—thereby contributing means of information as to current news and other important matters; and also to all other papers that have given such notice of the Institution and its work as was calculated to bring its object and advantages before the blind youth of the State: The Telegraph and Messenger, (daily) of Macon; the Southern Christian Advocate, (weekly) of Macon; the Christian Index, (weekly) of Atlanta; the Tri-Weekly Courier, of Rome; the Reporter, (weekly) of LaGrange; the Republican, of Americus; the Southerner, (weekly) of Irwinton; the Standard, (weekly) of Talbotton; the Vindicater, of Greenville; the Goodson Gazette, of Stanton, Va.





